



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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October 26, 2004

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:
P.O. BOX 1460
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REFER TO FILE: **AS-0
74340**

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
Interim Director of Public Works

DEFAULT OF LANGNER SECURITY SERVICES – PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS

Please be advised that Public Works has been notified by Langner Security Services, Inc., that effective November 20, 2004, they will close their business and no longer honor Contract No. 74340 to provide security services at our Headquarters building at 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803.

Attached is a copy of a certified letter to the surety company that guarantees Langner's performance, Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland. The letter puts Fidelity on notice that we expect them to provide an acceptable substitute service and gives them one week to respond.

We are working closely with County Counsel to ensure a smooth transition and have also had discussions with the Office of Public Safety and other contractors about temporary coverage should the surety company fail to provide a sufficient or timely response. If necessary, we will file a Board letter requesting approval of an assignment of the contract.

If you have any questions about this unexpected situation, please call me at (626) 458-4002 or Fred Guido of our Facilities Management Group at (626) 300-3225.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
Executive Office
County Counsel (Frank Scott)



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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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October 20, 2004

Mr. Paul C. Rogers, Vice President
Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland
P.O. Box 1227
Baltimore, MD 21203-1227

Dear Mr. Rogers:

**DEMAND FOR PERFORMANCE BY SURETY – CONTRACT NO. 74340
ARMED/UNARMED SECURITY SERVICES FOR
PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX**

This is to inform you that on October 11, 2004, your principal and our contractor, Langner Security Services, Inc., d.b.a. StarWest Security Network, mailed a Notice of Intent to Discontinue Security Services stating that services would not be provided after midnight, November 20, 2004. This notice constitutes a breach of Langner's contract for security services with the County of Los Angeles which binds Langner through January 31, 2005, and a contract renewal option that binds Langner through January 31, 2006.

Pursuant to the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland performance bond filed with the County for this contract, we call on your company to fulfill its joint obligation with Langner to complete this contract in accordance with its terms. Please respond **no later than Wednesday, October 28, 2004.**

This is an urgent matter for the County. We cannot tolerate a lapse in service at our Public Works Headquarters complex where we continuously require security services to prevent theft and vandalism and to protect the safety of employees and the public.

Mr. Paul C. Rogers
October 20, 2004
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We are enclosing copies of all pertinent documents to assist you in assessing the contract's requirements and selecting a new contractor to complete the work. Should you elect not to do so, the County will select a new contractor and charge any cost over Langner's contract to the bond. The enclosed copies include the bond; the Continuation Certificate; Langner's letter of October 11, 2004; and the contract. Please take particular note of the following contract requirements:

- Living Wage Program – Section 4.1
- Jury Service Program – Section 5.35

If you need additional information or assistance, please contact Mr. Mike Cholakian of Facilities Management Group at (626) 458-7370 or Mr. Mark Hill of Administrative Services Division at (626) 458-4074.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Interim Director of Public Works



T. M. ALEXANDER
Assistant Director

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cc: County Counsel (Frank Scott)
Langner Security Services, Inc.